The entire U.S. arts and culture sector (i.e., nonprofit, commercial, education) was an $877.8 billion industry in 2017. This represents 4.5 percent of the nation’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP)—a larger share of the economy than transportation, agriculture, or construction—according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

- The arts and cultural sector supported 5.1 million jobs in 2017, up from 5.0 million in 2016.
- Arts and culture had a $29.7 billion international trade surplus in 2017.
- Arts and culture represent an important share of state economies, for example: California (7.0%), Utah (4.2%), Minnesota (3.6%), Vermont (3.2%), Wisconsin (3.1%). Find your state here.
- That the BEA measures arts and cultural production in the U.S. highlights the important role of the arts in building a healthy economy and ensuring our global competitiveness.